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In re application of:

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For: METHOD AND MACHINE FOR  
PRODUCING A NONWOVEN FOR  
THE FILTER ROD PRODUCTION

Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Christopher R. Harmon

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**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2005, the period for responding to which having been extended for two months until March 19, 2006, the following reply is submitted:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.